

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 170 – HB 615

February 20, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts from the open records law all incident or other reports and statements furnished by a witness during the course of a governmental entity's investigation of a claim or charge, by or against any employee of a governmental entity for a violation of state or federal law or local ordinance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Less than \$100,000

Decrease Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Department could be in jeopardy of losing \$1,900,000 in federal funding for the Public Drinking Water Program, which requires some types of information to be public.

Assumption:

- State and local government expenditures will decrease because they will no longer have to redact confidential information. Instead, the entire file will be confidential.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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